

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The fitting according to claim
16, ~~further comprising characterized in that it comprises~~
~~engagement means with~~
a first sealing gasket with ~~a pipe union arranged at the~~
front end face of said pipe.

3. (currently amended) The fitting according to ~~one or~~
~~more of the previous claims, characterized in that said claim 16~~
~~wherein the pipe end has two such~~ deformations ~~comprises various~~
~~widening~~ extending annularly on said end of said pipe with
different sized diameters.

4. (currently amended) The fitting according to ~~one or~~
~~more of the previous claims, characterized in that claim 16 wherein~~
~~the reinforcement is said reaction means comprise~~ a cap having a
flaring head forming the outwardly directed reinforcement face and
a cylindrical body having at least one annular radially projecting
~~rib housed on its cylindrical body.~~

5. (currently amended) The fitting according to ~~one or~~
~~more of the previous claims, characterized in that claim 16 wherein~~

3 ~~said reaction means comprise the reinforcement has a first bend~~
4 ~~extending radially with respect to said deformation.~~

1 6. (currently amended) The fitting according to one or
2 ~~more of the previous claims, characterized in that said claim 16~~
3 ~~wherein the reinforcement first bend has a second bend extending~~
4 ~~parallel to the axis of said pipe.~~

1 7. (currently amended) The fitting according to one or
2 ~~more of the previous claims, characterized in that said deformation~~
3 ~~comprises a first and claim 6, further comprising~~
4 a second widening enlargement, the latter having a
5 greater diameter than ~~[[said]] the first-mentioned widening~~
6 enlargement, said first and second bend ~~defining a stiffening for~~
7 reinforcing said first and second widening enlargements.

8. (canceled)

1 9. (currently amended) The fitting according to one or
2 ~~more of the previous claims, characterized in that it has claim 7,~~
3 further comprising
4 second engagement means defined by said second widening
5 enlargement having, inside said pipe, an annular seat; and for
6 housing

7 a second sealing gasket with the head of said cap on the
8 seat.

1 10. (currently amended) The fitting according to ~~one or~~
2 ~~more of the previous claims, characterized in that~~ claim 4 wherein
3 said cylindrical body of said cap comprises at least three ribs
4 engaged on the inner surface of said first ~~widening~~ enlargement.

1 11. (currently amended) The fitting according to ~~one or~~
2 ~~more of the previous claims, characterized in that~~ claim 7 wherein
3 said nut abuts against said second ~~widening~~ enlargement.

12 -- 15. (canceled)

1 16. (new) A fitting comprising:

2 a pipe end centered on an axis and formed with a radial
3 outward enlargement having an axially inwardly directed face lying
4 in a plane perpendicular to the axis;

5 an annular reinforcement fitted in the enlargement,
6 braced radially outwardly thereagainst and having an axially
7 outwardly directed front end face lying in a plane perpendicular to
8 the axis and axially outward of the inwardly directed enlargement
9 face;

10 a nut bearing axially outwardly on the axially inwardly
11 directed enlargement face; and

12 a connector engaged by the nut and pressed thereby
13 axially inward against the axially outwardly directed reinforcement
14 face.

1 17. (new) The fitting defined in claim 16 wherein the
2 nut and connector are formed with interengaging screwthreads.